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PASS TO AMBASSADOR DENT FROM GUENTHER
PASS TO MR. GLITMAN
1. TRADE POLICY REVIEW GROUP MET ON SHOE IMPORT PROBLEM
AND AGREED (WITH DEPT OF STATE RESERVING POSITION) THAT
TRADE POLICY COMMITTEE SHOULD CONSIDER FOLLOWING POLICY
OPTION AT JUNE 5 MEETING.
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A. THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD APPROACH THE NONRUBBER IN-

DUSTRY AND ASCERTAIN THAT THE INDUSTRY INTENDS TO FILE AN ESCAPE CLAUSE PETITION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION (ITC).

B. AFTER THIS PETITION IS FILED AND ACCEPTED BY THE ITC, THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD OPEN CONSULTATIONS WITH THE FIVE KEY EXPORTING NATIONS, NAMELY, SPAIN, ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, TAIWAN AND SOUTH KOREA. THE PURPOSE OF THESE CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE TO EXPLAIN THIS ACTION, THE CONSEQUENCES OF SAME, AND THE ALTERNATIVES, INCLUDING THE NEGOTIATION OF BILATERAL RESTRAINT AGREEMENTS, WHICH OUR

TRADING PARTNERS MAY FACE.

- C. FOLLOWING THIS INITIAL CONSULTATION AND THE RESULTS OF SAME, IT THEN WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO DECIDE WHAT ADDITIONAL STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN, IF ANY, PRIOR TO THE FINDING OF THE ITC.
- 2. STATE BELIEVES WE SHOULD FACE UP CLEARLY TO THIS ISSUE AND USE THE PROCEDURE AUTHORIZED BY THE TRADE ACT. THE ADMINISTRATION SHOULD INITIATE AN INVESTIGATION BY THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION (ITC) IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 201(B)(1) OF THE TRADE ACT. EXPORTING COUNTRIES SHOULD BE INFORMED OF THIS ACTION AND THE REASONS FOR IT. NO FURTHER ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN UNTIL THE ITC INVESTIGATION IS COMPLETE. SHOULD ITC FIND SERIOUS INJURY THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD THEN HAVE CLEAR AUTHORITY TO TAKE ACTION ON BEHALF OF THE SHOE INDUSTRY. BY ACTING IN THIS MANNER THE ADMINISTRATION WILL DEMONSTRATE TO ITS TRADING PARTNERS THE INTENTION OF THE UNITED STATES TO CONDUCT ITS TRADE POLICIES IN AN OPEN AND ORDERLY MANNER. INGERSOLL

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